

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Hes et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3775  
Examiner: Matthew James Lawson  
Title: Bone Screw  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 12/4/2009, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below. A three-month extension of time is hereby requested and the appropriate fees have been submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.